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Sir:

This is in response to the Restriction Requirement dated October 4, 2000. The Examiner therein required election of one of the following groups of claims:

Group I, including claims 1-6, 19, 22 and 25, drawn to an assay method for identifying a compound able to modulate interaction or binding between ZRCC4 and DNA ligase IV, and a method for formulating the compound into a pharmaceutical composition;

Group II, including claims 7, 15 and 16, drawn to an unidentified agent that is unclassifiable because the claim fails to recite structure characteristics of the agent;

Group III, including claims 8-11, drawn to a peptide fragment of DNA ligase IV;

Group IV, including claim 13, drawn to a peptide fragment of XRCC4;

Group V, including claim 12, drawn to a nucleic acid encoding a peptide of DNA ligase IV;

Group VI, including claim 14, drawn to a nucleic acid encoding a peptide fragment of XRCC4;

Group VII, including claims 20, 21, 23, 24, 26 and 27, drawn to a method for modulating cellular DNA repair activity by providing an unidentified compound to a cell;

Group VIII, including claims 20, 21, 23, 24, 26 and 27, drawn to a method for modulating cellular DNA repair activity by providing a compound which is a nucleic acid to a cell;

Group IX, including claims 20, 21, 23, 24, 26 and 27, drawn to a method for modulating cellular DNA repair activity by providing a compound which is a peptide to a cell;

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